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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UNGA, FR

SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM V: FRENCH PROPOSAL ON AN INTER-  
NATIONAL OBSERVATION SATELLITE AGENCY

1. AT APRIL 11 MEETING OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFTING  
GROUP, FRENCH REP MISTRAL INTRODUCED FOLLOWING TEST AND  
REQUESTED THAT IT BE INCORPORATED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION  
AS A SEPARATE CHAPTER ON VERIFICATION AND CONTROL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "PROGRESS MADE IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF  
OBSERVATION BY SATELLITE SHOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT EFFORT. INFORMATION USEFUL FOR  
THE STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND CONFIDENCE WHICH CAN BE  
OBTAINED IN THIS WAY SHOULD BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF  
THE INTERESTED STATES.  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION SATELLITE  
AGENCY SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. THE PURPOSE  
OF THIS AGENCY, WHICH WOULD BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS, WOULD BE THE COLLECTION, THE ORGANIZATION  
AND THE DISSEMINATION OF DATA OBTAINED BY SATELLITES IN  
FIELDS DIRECTLY AFFECTING SECURITY AND THE CONTROL OF  
DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS." END TEXT.

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3. THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, PAKISTAN, BELGIUM AND THE  
NETHERLANDS WELCOMED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. USDEL ASKED FOR  
FURTHER INFORMATION AND SPECIFICS. AFTER MISTRAL INDICATED  
THAT THE GOF WOULD BE PROVIDING FURTHER DETAILS ON HOW THIS  
GENERAL FORMULATION COULD BE DEVELOPED AT A SUBSEQUENT DATE,  
USDEL SAID THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE OUR POSITION

PENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS INFORMATION.

4. SOVIET DEL (TULINOV) DID NOT SPEAK DURING THE MEETING BUT AFTERWARD INDICATED TO US PRIVATELY THAT HE HAD CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. HE ADDED THAT MOSCOW COULD NOT EVEN GIVE IT CONSIDERATION UNTIL THE FRENCH PROVIDED FURTHER EXPLANATION AS TO HOW THEY ENVISAGED THAT THE AGENCY WOULD FUNCTION.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE. YOUNG

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